FIRST SERMONS.

1. The Influence of Christians. Matt. 5:13-16

2. The Growing Christian 2Peter 1:5-7.

3. Our Conception of Worship John 4:23-24

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5. Our Duty of Sympathy. Romans 12:15

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8. Life's Common Aim.

9. The Fulness of God,

Oh, river, gentle river! gliding on
In silence underneath this starless sky!
There is a ministry that never rests
Even while the living slumber.

— William Cullen Bryant.

world prohibition of the opium traffic will, it is now predicted, be very near its hour of final triumph when the great International Congress against opium opens next year at The Hague. England is still the greatest obstacle in the way of the reform. A recent cable states that the British government has accepted the principle of the American invitation to participate in the Conference. But, in so doing, the British government insists that at the Conference the long-standing and infamous Anglo-Chinese convention in regard to the opium trade shall not be discussed. The British officials specify that they are willing to consider the traffic in cocaine and morphine, but draw the line at any open consideration of the traffic, out of which the British